



**American Hospital  
Association**

## *NEWS RELEASE*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Elizabeth Lietz, (202) 626-2284  
Carly Moore, (202) 638-5487

### **AHA ANNOUNCES ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AWARDS**

*Press Releases Available at AHA Web Site*

**WASHINGTON** (April 12, 2012) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) has available through its website press releases highlighting several awards that the AHA and its affiliated organizations will present during its 2012 Annual Membership meeting in Washington. The releases can be found at <http://www.aha.org>.

The available press releases include:

#### **Ronald McDonald House Charities<sup>®</sup> and the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare to Receive AHA's Award of Honor**

The AHA will present its Award of Honor to Ronald McDonald House Charities<sup>®</sup> in Oak Brook, Ill., and the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare in Boston. The award is given to organizations and individuals in recognition of exemplary contributions to the health and well-being of people through leadership on major health policies or social initiatives.

**-more-**

## **AHA Annual Meeting Awards/Page 2**

### **Larry Gage and Larry McAndrews to Receive AHA Board of Trustees Award**

The AHA will present Larry S. Gage, retired president, National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems and Larry McAndrews, retired president and CEO, National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions with its Board of Trustees Award. The award is presented to individuals or groups who have made substantial and noteworthy contributions to the work of the AHA.

### **Karen Davis, Ph.D., to Receive AHA Distinguished Service Award**

The AHA will present its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, to Karen Davis, Ph.D., president of The Commonwealth Fund, Washington. This award recognizes significant lifetime contributions and service to the nation's health care institutions and associations.

### **AHA HAVE Awards Recognizes Four Hospital Volunteer Programs**

The AHA honors four hospital volunteer programs with the Hospital Awards for Volunteer Excellence (HAVE). The AHA HAVE Awards Program is in its 29<sup>th</sup> year and highlights the extraordinary efforts of volunteer programs and the positive impact their contributions have on the patients, hospitals, health systems and communities they serve.

The winning facilities are:

- Community Service Program - "Food Pantry (Castle Point & Montrose)," VA Hudson Valley Health Care System in Montrose, N.Y.
- Fundraising Program - "Pay It Forward Fund," North Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis
- In-Service Hospital Volunteer Program - "Cherished Portraits," University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, University of Iowa Children's Hospital in Iowa City
- Community Outreach and/or Collaboration Program - "Charla de Lupus (Lupus Chat)®," Hospital for Special Surgery in New York

### **About the AHA**

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes more than 5,000 member hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 38,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.

###